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(57) **ABSTRACT**

In accordance with an example embodiment of the present invention, an apparatus comprising: at least one processor; and at least one memory including computer program code, wherein the at least one memory and the computer program code are configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to perform at least the following: receive configuration information including a timer value associated with user data inactivity; start or restart a timer when user data is active in at least one cell of a secondary cell group but not when user data is active in a cell of master cell group; and release dual connectivity if the timer expires.